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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants are enclosing a Form PTO-1449, English Abstracts of references AB to AD listed thereon, and a copy of the International Search Report issued in the corresponding PCT International Application PCT/JP03/04044 on July 15, 2003. Copies of references AB to AD are not (and need not be) enclosed, because they have been transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT Application.
- 2) In view of the waiver of the requirement (see 1273 OG 55, August 5, 2003), we are not enclosing a copy of the cited US Patent (Reference AA).

- 3) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new PCT Patent Application.
- 4) Reference AA is in English. English Abstracts for references AB to AD are enclosed. Reference AB corresponds to AA from which the relevance can be determined in English. Therefore no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 5) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of references AB to AD by category (A = technological background; and Y = relevant for obviousness when combined with another document). Thereby, a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 6) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 7) Favorable consideration and allowance of all present claims 1 to 9 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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